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Dr. Jaime H. Rivera
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Dear Dr. Rivera:

We would like to bring to your attention the following paper from Environmental Health Perspectives:

Exposures to Air Pollutants during Pregnancy and Preterm Delivery

<http://www.ehponline.org/members/2006/8733/8733.pdf>

The authors found a relationship between air pollutants (NOx, PM 10, NO2, and SO2) and "preterm delivery" (PTD, premature birth).

"In conclusion, our study showed that relatively low concentrations of air pollution under current air quality standards during pregnancy may contribute to an increased risk of PTD."

We understand that Delaware has been reported to have the highest rate of "infant mortality" in the US, and "preterm delivery" would be a contributing factor.

We think this further illustrates the need for the Division of Public Health to support the strongest possible action against these pollutants.

We look forward to your response.

Yours very truly,

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